

\$900 RAISED FOR STORM VICTIMS

Durant People Give Their Money for Alleviate the Homeless by Remedy.

Nine hundred dollars in real money in addition to many contributions of clothing and provisions, is Durant's contribution to the storm sufferers at Kemp City.

A dozen or more Durant people on the ground Sunday morning after the storm subscribed approximately \$125.00 which was turned over to the committee in charge of relief. This week a committee composed of Messrs. C. C. Hatchett, George Harrison and Ed Spears took up a collection in the city and raised nearly \$800 more for the relief of the sufferers. More than a hundred checks were received in addition to contributions of currency and silver. The contributions ranged from a dollar to thirty dollars, the average being about five dollars. Not a man in the city who was solicited, declined any donation, and then the figures on which this story is based were compiled several of the largest business houses in the city had not been seen. It is safe to estimate that Durant's total contributions will run over one thousand dollars in money, in addition to contributions of clothing and provisions.

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.

Paul V. Hadley and his wife, confined in the Muskogee jail charged with the murder of Jake Giles, a Texas sheriff, made a desperate attempt to escape Friday but were not only frustrated but the jailer nearly beat Hadley to death with his fists, cell and as the pailor opened the door the Hadleys had been out of their for them to re-enter Hadley swung at him with an improvised sling shot made from a bathtub stopper in an old stocking. Hadley missed, and the jailer went after him, almost beating him to death. Meantime Hadley's wife attempted to secure fire arms by breaking into the jailer's desk nearby, but was prevented by the interference of the assistant county attorney.

ASSEMBLY INVITED

TO COME HERE.

Thru the 25 Expansion Club, the General Assembly in session at Orlando Florida, has been invited to hold its 1917 sessions in Durant, Tenn and Birmingham, Ala. were also applicants. Durant was hardly in the running as the mileage for holding the meeting west of the Mississippi would have been to great.

DWIGHT NEW ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR.

County Attorney Turnbull has appointed Attorney Ben H. Dwight of the firm of Dwight and Hoke as assistant county attorney to succeed Grey Moore, who resigned to take a position with a Tulsa law firm. Mr. Dwight has been practicing law in Durant for two years and has built up a good practice. He is considered one of the county's coming attorneys.

AFTER THE SOCIALISTS.

The Marshall County News Democrat seems to be after the Socialists in that county for sure. In their last week's issue the first page carried five long articles dealing with various debates pulled off between Socialists and others, all calculated to carry the impression that the "Red Carders" are playing out in that county. Editor Robertson mimes no words in his statements and if he keeps it up he will go a long ways toward defeating the Socialists in his county.

LOOSE BOX CARS.

Three loaded box cars, with the brakes off, ran amuck on the siding of the Durant Grain and Elevator Co. Saturday, crashed into two empty cars being loaded on the siding, knocking down and shaking up several workmen, and before being stopped, ran down and killed three head of hogs. The cars had been left standing on the siding, and started rolling as soon as the brakes were released, which was followed by the collision. None of the men were seriously injured.

ALFALFA DOES WELL HERE.

H. C. Frye, has demonstrated that alfalfa will do well here if it is sowed for properly. He exhibited in town this week samples of the grass three feet tall and beginning to blossom. Mr. Frye has two acres of it on his place in the east end of town and is feeding seventeen head of shoats on it.

GREAT EDUCATIONAL INCREASE

The following from a report of State Superintendent R. H. Wilson is significant:

I went into office January 9, 1911. That year, not including the summer schools, 3747 students enrolled in the ten colleges under our supervision. This year, not including the summer schools, there were 6531 enrolled. In the spring of 1911 we issued from these schools 41 certificates. This year we have issued 369. In the year 1911 we signed 188 diplomas. This year, from the same schools, we have signed 807 diplomas. This great increase in Oklahoma education has been made with but very few additional instructors and a very small percent increase in expenditures. No other department of state government nor business enterprise in the state has shown so great development as the state schools have in the turning out of the finished product.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

The graduating exercises of the Durant High School were held last Friday night at the First M. E. church, the house being filled with spectators for the occasion. The program was carried out as arranged by Superintendent Parris, which was as follows:

Selection by High School chorus. Invocation Rev. J. T. Ogle. Oration, Miss Minnie Phillips, class salutatorian. Oration, Durrel Whitney, class valedictorian. Commencement Address, Attorney C. E. McPherrin. Presentation of diplomas, H. L. Cox, president school board.

MARKED HIGHWAY TUESDAY.

According to pre arranged plans, the county presidents of each county thru which the Oklahoma, Texas and Gulf Highway passes marked the highway Tuesday of this week. Bryan county's president, C. W. Early, accompanied in automobiles by S. W. Stone, C. C. Johnson, O. L. Shannon, F. P. Hynds, Horace Marshall and others, and with a large quantity of yellow and black paints marked the route thru this county. Along the line, telephone poles, fence posts, new bear the three stripes of black and yellow alternating. The line is marked from the Johnson county line, thru the city of Durant, clear to Red River.

ASK REMOVAL OF FIELD AGENT.

Last week's Idabel Record carried a two column article dealing with a petition sent to the secretary of the Interior for the removal of one W. E. Foltz, the local field clerk at Idabel in charge of the Indian wards at that place. The petition recites among other things, that Foltz utterly neglects his business in many ways and assumes an arbitrary power in dealing with the Indians that brings many hardships upon them.

DALLAS TO DETROIT BY AUTO.

R. G. Mitter, a Detroit, Michigan, druggist, his wife and child and Dr. T. P. Jamison, passed thru Durant Wednesday morning en route to Detroit from Dallas. They made the trip to Dallas from Detroit a distance of sixteen hundred miles in fifteen days, and made an average of twelve miles and a half for each gallon of gasoline consumed, over the country roads. They made the coming trip by the way of Little Rock and Texarkana, and say that they were fierce. They were returning by way of Oklahoma City and Muskogee over the Oklahoma, Texas and Gulf Highway. They started from Detroit in a new Willys Knight touring car and made the trip to Dallas without mishap or delay. On the return between Dallas and Denison they stripped their gears.

SUMMER NORMAL IN SESSION.

The summer session of the Southeastern Normal School opened for ten weeks term Monday of this week, and up to the time the News went to press more than five hundred students had been enrolled for the summer's work. The attendants at the session come from all over southeastern Oklahoma.

MR. AND MRS. KIMBRIEL ILL.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kimbriel have both been seriously ill since Wednesday of last week, both apparently suffering from the same cause, believed to have resulted from some sort of poisoning. Mrs. Kimbriel was reported as much improved yesterday. Mr. Kimbriel while suffering considerably was reported as about the same.

NOTHING DOIN IN DISTRICT COURT.

So far as civil business is concerned there has been nothing doing in district court the past week. The last cases filed were on March 16th.

COMPANY H. TO BE MUSTERED OUT.

What are believed to be well founded rumors have it that Company H. Oklahoma National Guard stationed at this place is one of the Oklahoma militia companies to be mustered out as a result of the recent inspection, which revealed the fact as stated that only three companies in the state come any way near the war department's requirements. Captain Veach when seen said that while the company might be mustered out, it will not likely be done before next year.

SEVERAL CRIMINAL CASES FILED.

Several new criminal cases have been filed in district court the past week. They are as follows: W. J. Gather, charged with assault to kill. Walter Harper, charged with burglary in the second degree. Lewis Broadway, burglary in the second degree. J. R. Rail, false pretense. J. A. Clay, cruelty to animals. Manuel Elliot, rape, second degree.

SPECIAL LEVY EASILY CARRIED

The election to vote on the levying of an additional tax of three and a half mills to run the city schools the ensuing year, held Tuesday, was a decided victory for the exponents of good school regardless of cost. The levy carried by a majority in the ratio of approximately five to one, a fairly large vote being cast. This insures the school board of being able to run the schools for the full term of nine months, to employ much needed extra teachers and to make necessary repairs on the buildings.

O. P. COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Oklahoma Presbyterian College were held Thursday morning at the Presbyterian church, the address of the occasion being delivered by Rev. Frank Hall Wright of Dallas. The full program was as follows: Overture, Merry Wives of Windsor, Nicholas—Misses Ruth Goodman and Eugenia Wagner. Prayer—Dr. J. T. Ogle, pastor First Christian church. Chorus, "The Year's at the Spring." A. E. Floyd—Treble Clef Club. Commencement Address Rev. Frank Hall Wright, Dallas. Solo, "O Rest in the Lord, Mendelssohn—Miss Mildred Goodman. Delivery of Certificates and Prizes—President W. B. Morrison. Chorus, "Lost Chord" Sullivan—Treble Clef Club. Presentation of Diplomas—President W. B. Morrison. Benediction—Rev. J. N. Edwards.

VETERAN EDITOR

VISITED HERE.

Col. W. C. Geers one of the veterans of Texas and Oklahoma journalism visited here the end of the week with his daughter Mrs. B. A. McKinney and family. Colonel Geers has for many years been the editor of the Southwestern Magazine at Ft. Worth, and in addition has for some time been editor of the Mannsville, Okla., Monitor. Every old newspaper man in Texas and Oklahoma knows or knows of Col. Geers.

PROGRAM OF BRYAN COUNTY

Sunday School Convention, Bokchito, Thursday and Friday, June 1 and 2.

Thursday, A. M.
10:30. Song service.
10:45. Children's Program.
11:15. "Story Hour" with Mrs. Nichols.

Assignment of Delegates.
Thursday P. M.

2:30. Song Service.
2:40. Devotional.
2:55. Prayer service for Convention.

3:10. "Two Secrets of Sunday School Success," Mr. C. H. Nichols.
3:45. Credits in Public Schools for Bible study by W. B. Morrison, president, Presbyterian College.
4:15. Reports County Officers.
4:30. Appointment of Committees.

Special Music—Benediction.

Thursday Night.
8:00. Song service.
8:10. Devotional service.
8:20. Bible Geography, J. T. Ogle.
8:45. Special Music.
8:50. "Working Together," Mr. C. H. Nichols.
9:20. Song—Benediction.

Friday A. M.

Sunrise service.
10:00. Song service.
10:10. Devotional service.
10:25. "One to Win One," Rev. E. T. Campbell.

10:45. Song.
10:50. "Use of blackboard, sand table, pictures, objects, story, etc., in teaching children under the 'teens,' by Mrs. C. H. Nichols.
11:30. "What's doing." All Schools.

Song—Benediction.

Friday P. M.

1:30. Song service.
1:45. Devotional.
2:00. Song.
2:05. Reports of Committees and election of officers.

2:20. "The Teachers Great Opportunity," Mrs. C. H. Nichols.

2:45. Song.

2:50. Question period conducted by Mr. C. H. Nichols. Have your Sunday school problems ready.

3:30. Special music.

3:40. Two minute talks on work of this convention—How to make it better next year.

4:30. Song—Benediction.

J. B. HICKMAN, County President.

W. T. WALLACE, County Secretary.

W. B. MORRISON, Member State Executive.

You are invited to every session—Bring some one with you.

WILL NOMINATE COUNTY TICKET

Republicans Resent Charges That They Will Frame Up With Socialists in Attempt to Carry County in General Election.

Prominent republicans of the county appear to resent the charges that have been made, that they planned a frame up with the Socialists of the county for the purpose of carrying the county at the general election in November. Pursuant to call of the county organization the county convention of the Republican party is in session in this city as the News goes to press, and it is the avowed intention of the leaders of the party to nominate an entire county ticket for presentation to the voters this fall.

The charge that was formerly made against the party was that they would nominate candidates for county attorney and county judge and ignore the other offices. Then the Socialists would nominate candidates for all other county offices, ignoring the offices of county attorney and county judge. At the election, every socialist and every Republican would vote for the Republican and Socialist nominees alike, giving each nominee on both tickets the full strength of the combined parties. This sort of deal is emphatically denied by Republican leaders.

The Socialist party likewise expects to have a full county ticket in the field according to information received by the News.

BOB LEMON IN RACE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

The News' announcement column this week carries the card of R. B. Lemon of Achille who aspires to become county commissioner of Bryan county from the second district subject to the Democratic primary to be held on August first this year.

Bob Lemon is one of Bryan County's best known and most influential citizens. For years and years he has lived in the community which now is called Achille and any introduction at the hands of this writer is unnecessary and superfluous.

Bob Lemon is a man of large means and is a success at his business of farming. He and his friends believe he has the qualifications necessary to the making of an efficient county commissioner and he promises those who may support him in his race, careful attention to duty and the application of common sense business principles to the county's affairs if he is elected.

BOY SCOUTS MAKE SELVES USEFUL.

"If I had a boy I'd make him a boy scout," is the way a business man expressed his appreciation of the scouts this week when he saw them helping to get the visiting normal students located, carrying their luggage and directing them to where they wanted to go. The divisions of the scouts numbering the larger boys, volunteered their services, and met all trains and took the visiting normalists in charge. Perhaps two dozen of them were thus engaged and their services proved a great aid.

DEVICE TO PREVENT RUNAWAYS.

U. G. Phippen who recently located in Durant, coming from Huxo, has a patented device which when attached to a vehicle, will he says make it impossible for the team drawing the vehicle to run away with it.

He claims that the team can not go forward or turn to either side when this device is in gear. It can be easily and quickly worked by the driver with a hand lever or a foot lever, or can be operated by any person on the ground by pulling a strap which hangs at the rear end of the vehicle box. With the device in gear the team may, with absolute safety be left standing hitched to the wagon at any place.

TAKING VIEW OF DURANT.

T. H. Jeffords, industrial agent of the M. K. & T. Ry. Co. was here this week taking views of street scenes, school buildings and so forth, which will be placed in the Kay's album of views of eastern Oklahoma, which are shown to prospective immigrants to this country.

DAUGHTERS SERVED DINNER.

The Daughters of the Confederacy held a dinner down town Wednesday for the purpose of raising funds to assist in the expenses of the Confederate Reunion to be held here this summer. They report a liberal patronage and a nice profit.

Another Big Shipment of Keep Cool Clothes



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In new Air-O-Weave, Palm Beach and Cool Cloth two piece suits.

—ranging from \$5.00 to \$12.00—

Palm Beach in grey, tan, stripes, shepherd checks and plaids \$5.50 to \$8.50
Meyer Bros. Cool Cloth in the new plaids, outing cloths, tropical suitings, \$6.50 to \$10.00
Kuppenheimer's Air-O-Weave, new pin stripe, salt and pepper, greys, browns and fancies in exclusive patterns from \$10 to \$15

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